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results in Germany are more satisfactory than in England; that unsatisfactory results are largely due to incompetent, low-salaried officials who curry favor with the present voters rather than plan for future welfare; that municipal trading in itself is undesirable and should not be engaged in unless it is clearly established that private management would give less satisfactory results.

Obviously the work is written from the *laissez faire* point of view and a more extended study of German municipal trading, which in many instances has been highly satisfactory, might have led the author to different conclusions in some particulars, but this is frankly admitted (p. 387). On the whole, the work is a careful examination and critical analysis of the subject and the conclusions seem warranted and justified by an array of facts thoroughly mastered and well handled. The style is somewhat prolix, which may be excused because of the complexity of the subject, involving as it does many relations and close discriminations.

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Individualism and the Land Question. By SIR ROLAND K. WILSON, J. H. LEVY, and others. (London: The Personal Rights Association. 1912. Pp. 120. 1s.)

Taxation and Anarchism. By AUBERON HERBERT and J. H. LEVY. (London: The Personal Rights Association. 1912. Pp. 72. 1s.)

In the former book Sir Roland Wilson opens an interesting debate on the nationalization of land, proposing that the state convert all existing freehold and copyhold estates into rent-free leaseholds for fifty years. Mr. J. H. Levy, who discussed the question years ago with John Stuart Mill and who advocated the municipalization of land before the time of Henry George, spoke in opposition to the scheme as savoring of socialism. Mr. Levy's own proposal involves the creation of a Land Redemption Fund out of intestate estates, obsolete endowments, and the gifts and bequests of patriotic landowners. Both of the chief debaters strongly opposed the single tax of Henry George, favoring compensation of some kind, while Mr. Greevz Fysher, Mr. Evershed and the other debaters, all individualists, opposed the nationalization of land altogether, as involving a restriction of liberty.

The latter book contains the letters of Mr. Levy and Mr.

Herbert in their controversy on compulsory taxation. Mr. Levy, though a pronounced individualist, defends compulsory taxation and classes Mr. Herbert as an anarchist because he held that all public revenue should be derived from voluntary contributions. Both books are well worth reading.

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